## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

L. BARANOVA et al.

Application No.: 09/076,956

Filed: May 13, 1998

For: PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF

NUCLEIC ACIDS ON A SOLID

SUPPORT AND COMPOUNDS WHICH ARE USEFUL IN PARTICULAR AS SOLID SUPPORTS IN THE SAID

**PROCESS** 

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: L. Crane

New Atty. Docket No.: 9710-007



## **AMENDMENT**

## **BOX AF**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 23, 1999, Applicants submit herewith the following amendments and remarks for consideration and entry into the record of the above captioned application. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 48-79 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 80-103 as follows: